(c) if the answer to part (a) above is in the negative, by when the orders are likely to be issued and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c): The Question of implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement dated 15.12.1995 in the Writ Petition No. 11855/85 for restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension in the case of those Government servants who had opted for lumpsum payment of admissible pro-rata pension at the time of their absorption in Public Sector Undertakings is under consideration of Government. The matter requires consultations with the concerned authorities and final decision in the matter would be taken at an early date.

Unprovoked firing by Pakistani tropps

283. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops resorted to uninterrupted firing along the international border and Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir since the beginning of current calender year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for the past over one year, firing of rockets, mortars and machine guns fire from across the border has become a routine affair;

(d) if so, the details thereof stating the losses suffered by the army and BSF, and

(e) the retaliatory measures Government have taken or propose to take to counter unprovoked Pakistani firing in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Unprovoked firing by Pakistan along the Line of Control/International Border in Jammu and Kashmir has become a recurring phenomenon. Pakistani troops also resorted to firing rockets, mortars and small arms from across the border since the beginning of 1996 as well as in the previous year, resulting in some casualties to Army and BSF personnel. There has been no major change in the pattern/intensity of firing since the beginning of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1995, except along the International Border portion in Jammu and Kashmir, where escalation of firing has taken place due to pakistani efforts to obstruct the fencing work taken up on our side of the border.

A befitting reply is given by the Indian troops in all incidents of firing. However, our response is in a graduated manner to ensure that incidents remain localised but effective, there is no unnecessary escalation and our casualties are minimised.

Introduction of EMU Coaches in Western Railway

284. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the station under Western Railway where EMU coaches are proposed to be introduced during 1995-96;

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken to introduce new rail service Indore-Ujjain-Nagda-Kota-Swai Madhopur upto Jaipur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) (a) EMU trains have been introduced on Bhilad-Surat, Surat-Bharuch-Vadodara, Vadodara-Ahmedabad, Vadodara-Godhra and Godhra-Dahod sections during 1995-96.